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In mid-March 1954, two flags were used for recognition signals by the merchant sail junks in East Chekiang. These flags, costing JMP 7,500 each, were issued in January by the Seamen's Association of Acchiang (N 27-34, E 120-26) for use only along the East Chekiang coast.

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2. One of the flags was divided into four rectangles, two of which were yellow and two black, as shown below:

Yellow	Black
Black	Yellow

The other flag was striped with a red center stripe, a blue stripe at the top and the bottom, and a white stripe between each of the blue stripes and the red stripe, as shown below:

L	Blue	
	White	
	Red	
	White	
	Blue	

- 3. If a Chinese Communist patrol boat raised the yellow and black flag, a merchant junk was to stop for inspection. In response, a merchant junk raised the red, white, and blue flag to indicate that the junk would stop for inspection.
- 4. If a Communist patrol boat raised the red, white, and blue flag, an action which meant no check was required, a merchant junk answered with the yellow and black flag to indicate that the message was understood.

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